

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY LANSING



February 12, 2008

1. Bill Number and Sponsor:

House Bill 5630 (HB 5630) Representative Joel Sheltrown

2. Purpose:

HB 5630 would amend Part 309, Inland Lake Improvements, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), so requirements that currently apply to dissolving the lake board of a public lake would also apply to the dissolution of a lake board for a private lake.

3. How This Legislation Impacts Current Programs in the Department:

HB 5630 does not impact the department. Legislation passed in 2004 removed the requirement for the department to participate on lake improvement boards.

4. Introduced at Agency Request:

No.

5. Agency Support:

Yes.

6. Justification for the Department's Position:

Existing legislation does not provide for dissolution of a lake improvement board for a private lake. HB 5630 corrects that.

HB 5630 is basically a technical correction for an omission in the previous bill (PA 522 of 2004).

7. State Revenue/Budgetary Implications:

None.

8. <u>Implications to Local Units of Government:</u>

None.

9. Administrative Rules Implications:

None.

10. Other Pertinent Information:

A "public inland lake" means a lake that is accessible to the public by publicly owned lands or highways contiguous to publicly owned lands or by the bed of a stream, except the Great Lakes and connecting water. A "private inland lake" means "an inland lake other than a public inland lake."

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